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SUBJ: VOA STATEMENT U.S. GIVING PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MALACCA
STRAIT TRANSITS

1. JOSEPH SULLIVAN, IN VOA NEWS COMMENTARY ON MALACCA STRAIT
RECEIVED HERE AT 0655 LOCAL TIME SEPT 16, STATED THAT USG IS
PROVIDING NOTICE OF PASSAGE IF ITS WARSHIPS THROUGH MALACCA
STRAIT. IN FACT, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE NEVER
INFORMED GOM OF PASSAGE OF OUR WARSHIPS THROUGH STRAIT NOR HAS
THE GOM EVER REQUESTED PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF SUCH PASSAGES.
WHILE THE MALAYSIANS DO CLAIM THE RIGHT TO REGULATE TRAFFIC THROUGH
THE STRAIT BETWEEN THE STRAITS OF SINGAPORE AND AN POINT JUST
NORTH OF PORT DICKSON BECAUSE THEY CLAIM THESE ARE TERROTORIAL
WATERS, THE GOM HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT IT WILL AWAIT THE DECISION
OF THE UN LOS CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA BEFORE EXERCISING
THIS RIGHT.

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2. IN SAME VIEN, "NEW YORK TIMES" AUG 28 CARRIED ANDLEMAN

ARTICLE ON MALACCA STRAIT WHICH INCORRECTLY STATES THAT:
"THE SOVIET UNION AND THE US NOTIFY THE MALAYSIAN GOVT ROUTINELY
WHEN THEIR SHIPS PASS THROUGH. UNTIL RECENTLY THE MALAYSIANS
PROTESTED ROUTINELY. NOW THE PROTESTS HAVE STOPPED AND
DIPLOMATS HERE BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS WANTED IS A PERMANENT
AGREEMENT."

3. EMBASSY PRESUMES THAT GUIDANCE FORBIDDING NOTIFICATION
CONTAINED STATE 066507, 15 APR 1972, AND 22096,
10 NOV 1973, STILL CURRENT BUT THAT ANDLEMAN ARTICLE HAS
MISLED SULLIVAN AND MIGHT MISLEAD OTHERS TO OUR DISADVANTAGE.
SUGGEST DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER CORRECTIVE LETTER TO TIMES
(SELF-PROCLAIMED NEWSPAPER OF RECORD) AND REISSUANCE OF
GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.
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